

**DRIEHAUS THROWS SUPPORT BEHIND BUTLER COUNTY BID
FOR RECOVERY ACT FUNDING**

Butler County Project Would Expand Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus today announced his support for Butler County's bid for \$30 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. The Butler County Water and Sewer Department has applied for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds to support the LeSourdsville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion project. In a letter to Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, Rep. Driehaus underscored the importance of the project for job creation and economic growth.

"Investing in infrastructure projects is critically important for job creation, and also helps us lay the groundwork for sustainable growth," said Rep. Driehaus. "This funding would help Butler County modernize its aging infrastructure and invest in the local economy."

Full text of Rep. Driehaus's letter follows. Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director Ohio Department of Development
High Street, 28th Floor 77 S.

Columbus, OH 43216-1001

Dear Ms. Patt-McDaniel: The Butler County Water and Sewer Department has informed me that they have applied for \$30 million of reallocated Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds for the LeSourdsville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion project. I fully support this project and Butler County's application for funding.

On January 28, 2009, I voted with a majority of my colleagues to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), now Public Law 111-5. The recent crises in the auto-manufacturing, financial, and housing industries have resulted in a domino effect disrupting every sector of the American economy. The stimulus package provides critically-needed investment while saving and creating the jobs necessary to jump-start our economy. Section 1401 of the ARRA authorized \$10 billion of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds to be apportioned to the states based upon their job losses in 2008 as compared to the national average. As you are aware, these bonds have proved to be a valuable tool in assisting local and regional economies.

The LeSourdsville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion is the type of project that the ARRA was designed to fund. Access to wastewater services is an important aspect to expanding commercial activity and regional economies. The requested \$30 million of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and a local match of \$10 million from Butler County would increase the plant's capacity, treatment reliability, environmental protections, and improve the existing plant facilities. It is estimated that 100,000 individuals, 22,000 private customers and 2,000 business customers would directly benefit through these improvements with an additional 20,000 customers indirectly benefiting from reduced service rates. Moreover, the project would create two permanent jobs, 65 temporary construction jobs, and retain seventy existing jobs. I have also attached more detailed information concerning the purpose and benefits of this project for your review.

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Again, I appreciate your consideration of Butler County's application and my letter of support. Please feel free to contact Aaron Wasserman, of my staff, at Aaron.Wasserman@mail.house.gov or at 202-225-6819 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Driehaus Member of Congress ###